**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.   This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19.   (Cancelled)

20.     (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving a telephone call;
identifying a user making said telephone call;
detecting an online status of at least one member of a group associated with said user; and
sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.

21.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving a password of said user.

22.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
determining said group of members associated with said user.

23.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving instructions to detect an online status of said at least one member of said group.

24.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

25.     (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving a telephone call;
identifying a user making said telephone call;
receiving instructions to detect an online status of at least a first member and a second member of a group associated with said user;

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detecting said first member of said group is online;

detecting said second member of said group is off-line; and

sending a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of at least said first and second member of said group.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

receiving a password of said user.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

determining said group of members associated with said user;

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of whose contents direct a computer to:

receiving receive a telephone call;

identifying identify a user making said telephone call;

determining determine a group of members associated with said user;

detecting detect an online status of at least one member of said group; and

sending send a message within said telephone call, said message indicating said online status of said at least one member of said group.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of: wherein said contents of said computer-readable medium is further able to direct said computer to receive

receiving a password of said user.

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31.     (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, <u>further</u> <u>comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:</u> ~~wherein said~~ ~~contents of said computer readable medium is further able to direct said computer to~~ ~~receive~~

        <u>receiving</u> instructions from said user to detect an online status of said at least one member of said group.

32.     (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

33.     (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
        detecting an online status of a user;
        determining that a first member of a group associated with the user is off-line;
        storing a notification message of said online status of said user in a storage device;
        receiving a telephone call from said first member; and
        sending a message within said telephone call, said message comprising said notification message stored in said storage device.

34.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
        determining a user-initiated notification option is enabled.

35.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
        receiving a password of said first member.

36.     (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein said message comprises an audio message.

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